

House Resolution 271

By: Representatives Oliver of the 82nd, Gardner of the 57th, Mosby of the 83rd, Lindsey of the 54th, Parrish of the 158th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Thomas J. Lawley, M.D., on the occasion of his retirement;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Thomas J. Lawley, M.D., has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
4 for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
5 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted over 17 years of his life, talents,
7 and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by
8 his superlative work as Dean of the Emory School of Medicine; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Lawley's significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable
10 patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his dedication to instilling in university
11 students the same determination that led him to be a leading expert in his field have left a
12 significant mark of improvement and growth on Emory School of Medicine; and

13 WHEREAS, as Dean, Dr. Lawley has increased Emory School of Medicine and NIH
14 sponsored research funding by more than fourfold to more than \$250 million per year and
15 guided Emory to a top 20 ranking among United States Medical Schools; and

16 WHEREAS, under his leadership, strategic plans for research and teaching have been
17 implemented and new innovative curriculum created; and

18 WHEREAS, he has served as chairman of the Board of Directors of the Association of
19 American Medical Colleges and currently serves as the president of the Emory Medical Care
20 Foundation and as a member of the board of the Children's Research Center, the Emory
21 Clinic, and Emory Healthcare; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Lawley is also a member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation,
23 the Association of American Physicians, and the American Clinical and Climatologic
24 Association; and

25 WHEREAS, he has received numerous honors and awards, including the Pfizer Award, the
26 Hoechst Award, the Public Health Service Superior Service Award, the Marion Sulzberger
27 Award given by the American Academy of Dermatology as Professor of the Year in
28 Dermatology in 1995, and the Stephen Rothman Award in 2006, the highest honor bestowed
29 by the Society for Investigative Dermatology, of which he is a past president.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body commend Thomas J. Lawley, M.D., for his effective, unselfish,
32 and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia through his exemplary leadership as
33 Dean of Emory University School of Medicine; congratulate him upon the grand occasion
34 of his retirement; and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued health and
35 happiness.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Thomas J. Lawley.